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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Continuing Appropriations, 1996, and Small Business Regulatory Reform.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1624–1626. **Page S2327**

Measures Passed:

Greens Creek Land Exchange: Senate passed H.R. 1266, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, clearing the bill for the President. **Page S2267**

Saccharin Notice Requirement: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1787, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirement, and the bill was then passed, clearing the bill for the President. **Pages S2267–68**

Continuing Appropriations: By 79 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 42), Senate passed H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2261–S2300, S2302–09, S2340**

Adopted:

(1) Hatfield Modified Amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2261–S2300, S2302–09, S2340**

(2) Lautenberg Amendment No. 3482 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for programs necessary to maintain essential environmental protection. **Page S2279**

(3) By 81 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 37), Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 3533 (to Amendment No. 3482), to increase appropriations for EPA water infrastructure financing, Superfund toxic waste site cleanups, operating programs, and to increase funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps). **Pages S2277–78**

(4) By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 39), Coats Modified Amendment No. 3513 (to Amendment No. 3466), to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination in the training and licensing of health professionals on the basis of the refusal to undergo or provide training in the performance of induced abortions. **Pages S2262–66, S2268–76, S2280**

(5) Simon Modified Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding to carry out title VI of the National Literary Act of 1991, title VI of the Library Services and Construction Act, and section 109 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973. **Page S2280**

(6) By 77 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 41), Wellstone Amendment No. 3520 (to Amendment No. 3466), to urge the President to release already-appropriated fiscal year 1996 emergency funding for home heating and other energy assistance, and to express the sense of the Senate on advance-appropriated funding for FY 1997. **Pages S2281–83**

(7) Murkowski/Stevens Modified Amendment No. 3524 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reconcile seafood inspection requirements for agricultural commodity programs with those in use for general public consumers. **Pages S2283–84**

(8) Murkowski Amendment No. 3525 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for the approval of an exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument. **Pages S2276–77, S2284**

(9) Warner (for Thurmond) Modified Amendment No. 3526 (to Amendment No. 3466), to delay the exercise of authority to enter into multiyear procurement contracts for C-17 aircraft. **Page S2284**

(10) Hatfield Amendment No. 3553 (to Amendment No. 3466), to include funds for certain further programs and improve the bill. **Pages S2285–S2300, S2302–03, S2340**

Rejected:

(1) By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 38), Boxer/Murray Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No.

3466), to permit the District of Columbia to use local funds for certain activities. **Pages S2266–70, S2279**

(2) By 33 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 40), Gramm Amendment No. 3519 (to Amendment No. 3466), to make the availability of obligations and expenditures contingent upon the enactment of a subsequent act incorporating an agreement between the President and Congress relative to Federal expenditures.

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(3) McCain Amendment No. 3554 (to Amendment No. 3553), to provide that funds available for a grant for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities may be expended.

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Withdrawn:

Gorton Amendment No. 3496 (to Amendment No. 3466), to designate the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center", located in Walla Walla, Washington.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3484 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3485 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3486 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster relief provided under this Act be funded through amounts previously made available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be reimbursed through regular annual appropriations Acts.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3487 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I discretionary spending by the appropriate percentage (.367%) to offset Federal disaster assistance.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3488 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I "Salary and Expense" and "Administrative Expense" accounts by the appropriate percentage (3.5%) to offset Federal disaster assistance.

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Bond (for Pressler) Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for a Radar Satellite project at NASA.

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Bond Amendment No. 3515 (to Amendment No. 3466), to clarify rent setting requirements of law regarding housing assisted under section 236 of the National Housing Act to limit rents charged moderate income families to that charged for comparable, non-assisted housing, and clarify permissible uses of rental income in such projects, in excess of operating costs and debt service.

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Bond Amendment No. 3516 (to Amendment No. 3466), to increase in amount available under the HUD Drug Elimination Grant Program for drug elimination activities in and around federally-assisted

low-income housing developments by \$30 million, to be derived from carry-over HOPE program balances.

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Bond Amendment No. 3517 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a special fund dedicated to enable the Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet crucial milestones in restructuring its administrative organization and more effectively address housing and community development needs of States and local units of government and to clarify and reaffirm provisions of current law with respect to the disbursement of HOME and CDBG funds allocated to the State of New York.

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Bond (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 3521 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster funds made available to certain agencies be allocated in accordance with the established prioritization processes of the agencies.

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Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3522 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Warner Amendment No. 3523 (to Amendment No. 3466), to prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing any rule or ordinance that would terminate taxicab service reciprocity agreements with the States of Virginia and Maryland.

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Burns Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3466), to allow the refurbishment and continued operation of a small hydroelectric facility in central Montana by adjusting the amount of charges to be paid to the United States under the Federal Power Act.

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Coats (for Dole/Lieberman) Amendment No. 3531 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for low-income scholarships in the District of Columbia.

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Also, the following amendments fell when an appeal of the ruling of the chair that Amendment No. 3551, listed below, was not relevant to Amendment No. 3466 was withdrawn:

Hatfield (for Burns) Amendment No. 3551 (to Amendment No. 3466), to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits.

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Burns Amendment No. 3552 (to Amendment No. 3551), to establish a Commission on restructuring the circuits of the United States Courts of Appeals.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Hatfield, Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, Gorton,

McConnell, Mack, Burns, Shelby, Jeffords, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Johnston, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kerrey, Kohl, and Murray. **Page S2309**

Small Business Regulatory Reform: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 43), Senate passed S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities. **Pages S2309–21**

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Vote Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on a fourth cloture motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Product Liability Conference Report—Cloture Vote/Consideration Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Public/Federal Grasslands Management—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Appointments:

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. Section 276h–276k, appointed Senator Hutchison as the chairman of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union during the second session of the 104th Congress. **Page S2340**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the budget of the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1997; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–133). **Pages S2325–27**

Messages From the President: **Pages S2325–27**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2332–33**

Authority for Committees: **Page S2334**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2334–40**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total–43) **Pages S2278–81, S2283, S2309, S2316**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2340.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander in Chief, United States European Command; Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander in Chief, United States Central Command; Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command; and Rear Adm. James B. Perkins III, USN, Acting Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, March 21.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of the Navy Expeditionary Warfare Programs, receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. J.L. Jones, USMC, Director Expeditionary Warfare, Rear Adm. John O. Pearson, USN, Commander, Mine Warfare Command, and Rear Adm. Richard D. Williams III, USN, Program Executive officer for Mine Warfare, all of the Department of the Navy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 21.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Gaston L. Gianni Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Eizenstat was introduced by Senator Coverdell.

FCC REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission, receiving testimony from Dennis R. Patrick, Time Warner, Inc., Kenneth Gordon, National Economic Research Associates, Albert Halprin, Halprin, Temple, Goodman & Sugrue, and Kenneth Robinson, all of Washington, D.C.; Cheryl L. Parrino, Wisconsin Public Utilities Commission, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners; and Harry M. Shooshan, Strategic Policy Research, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the threat of terrorism and its impact on the Middle East peace process, receiving testimony from L. Paul Bremer III, Kissinger Associates, Inc., New York, New York; Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.; Seif Ashmawy, Voice of Peace, Newark, New Jersey; and Vincent M. Cannistraro, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine activities involving mismanagement of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program which authorizes certain government agencies to seize property related to

criminal conduct, focusing on United States Marshals Service operation of the Bicycle Club Casino in Bell Gardens, California under the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program, receiving testimony from Laurie E. Ekstrand, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, and James M. Blume, Assistant Director, both of the General Government Division, and Gary T. Engel, Assistant Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, and Kenneth Holecko, Assistant Director, both of the United States Marshals Service, and Gerald E. McDowell, Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Criminal Division, all of the Department of Justice; James F. Lisowski, Sr., Lisowski Law Firm, Chtd., Las Vegas, Nevada; Thomas Atherton and Douglas Sparkes, both of Los Angeles, California, and Harry J. Richard, Bell Gardens, California, all on behalf of the Bicycle Club Casino; and Hollman Cheung, an incarcerated witness.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—HATE CRIME STATISTICS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on S. 1624, to permanently authorize funds for programs of the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, receiving testimony from Charles W. Archer, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Mayor Emanuel Cleaver II, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Bobby Moody, Covington, Georgia, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Steve Arent, Anti-Defamation League, New York, New York; and Karen McGill Lawson, Leadership Conference Education Fund, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals for the renewal and reform of the United States intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Stansfield Turner, William Webster, and R. James Woolsey, all former Directors of Central Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3107–3116; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 164 were introduced.

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: Report entitled "National Drug Policy: A Review of the Status of the Drug War" (H. Rept. 104–486).

Recess: House recessed at 1:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2328**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

United States-Argentina nuclear energy agreement: Message wherein he transmits the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Argentine Republic Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-188); and **Pages H2330-31**

1997 Budget: Message wherein he transmits the 1997 Budget—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-162). **Pages H2331-33**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Science, and Select Intelligence. **Pages H2333-34**

Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

White House Travel Office: H.R. 2937, amended, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that Office on May 19, 1993 (passed by yeas-and-nays vote of 350 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 69); **Pages H2334-39, H2376-77**

Vermont-New Hampshire water compact: H.J. Res. 129, granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Public Water Supply Compact. Subsequently, S.J. Res. 38, a similar Senate-passed resolution, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the text of H.J. Res. 129 as passed the House. Agreed to lay H.J. Res. 129 on the table; **Pages H2339-42**

Military stability in the Taiwan Straits: H. Con. Res. 148, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits and United States military forces should defend Taiwan in the event of invasion, missile attack, or blockade by the People's Republic of China (agreed to by a recorded vote of 369 yeas to 14 nays, with 7 voting "present", Roll No. 79); and **Pages H2342-50, H2377-78**

House of Representatives administrative reform: H.R. 2739, to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry

provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives. **Pages H2350-61**

Order of Business: It was made in order that, during the consideration of H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995, it be in order for the designated proponents of the amendments numbered 11, 12, and 13 in part 2 of House Rept. 104-483 to offer their amendments in modified forms to accommodate the changes in the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary that are reflected in part 1 of that report and effected by the adoption of the rule; and

It was made in order that the designated proponent of amendment numbered 19 in part 2 of House Rept. 104-483 to offer his amendment in a modified form that strikes from title V all except section 522 and subtitle D. **Page H2361**

Immigration Reform: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, and to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States. **Pages H2361-76, H2378-H2460**

Agreed To:

The Smith of Texas amendment that makes certain technical and conforming changes; clarifies that any new forward deployment of border patrol officers will not affect current border checkpoints; sets up a pilot program for using closed military bases as possible holding areas for illegal aliens; provides that city and county governments could qualify for reimbursement from the Federal Government for incarceration of illegal aliens; and increases the number of Federal prosecutors dealing with immigration-related crimes such as the smuggling of illegal aliens or previously deported aliens into the United States; **Pages H2440-46**

The Smith en bloc amendment that requires the Justice Department, in consultation with the State and Defense Departments, to contract with the Comptroller General to submit to Congress an annual report until fiscal year 2000 on the Administration's strategy to deter illegal immigration with recommendations on how to increase border security; establishes as a priority the Attorney General's work-site enforcement of employer sanctions; provides a

status adjustment of status for certain Polish and Hungarian aliens; provides for funding support from the Attorney General to the INS or other public or private entities for demonstration projects for naturalization of aliens at 10 sites throughout the United States in each consecutive year beginning in 1996; expresses the sense of Congress, to the greatest extent practicable, that all equipment and products purchased with funds made available should be American-made; provides a waiver of English-language requirements for certain aliens who served with special guerilla units in Laos; adds language expressing the sense of Congress regarding the mission of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; authorizes the reimbursement of certain Polish applicants for the 1995 Diversity Immigrant Program; and expresses the sense of Congress with respect to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program; and

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The Tate amendment that permanently bars legal entry to the United States, including temporary visas, for anyone who is caught entering the country illegally.

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H. Res. 384, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 152 nays, Roll. No. 68.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2350.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2375–76, H2376–77, and H2377–78.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Lon S. Hatamlya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; Lonnie J. King, Administrator, Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service; and James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.

BANK INSURANCE AND THE SAVINGS ASSOCIATION INSURANCE FUND

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on issues relating to the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; and Jonathan Fiechter, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

AMERICORPS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on AmeriCorps. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corporation for National and Community Service: Harris Wofford, CEO; and Luise Jordan, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

D.C. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Implementation of Public Law 104–8, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Andrew Brimmer, Chairman; Joyce Ladner; Constance Newman, Steve Harlan and Ed Singletary, Board Members, all with the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; Marion Barry, Mayor; and David A. Clarke, Chairman, Council.

Hearings continue March 28.

UNITED STATES-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on United States-North Korean Relations: From the Agreed Framework to Food Aid. Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Stanley Roth, Director, Research and Studies, United States Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

ROGUE REGIMES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Attempts by Rogue Regimes to Influence U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Barr; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the military construction budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert E. Bayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Housing; Maj. Gen. Frank L. Miller, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Maj. Gen. William A. Navas, Jr., USA, Director, Army National Guard; and Brig. Gen. James Helmly, USA, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve, all with the Department of the Army.

Hearings continue March 21.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued joint hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Army modernization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; and Lt. Gen. Ronald V. Hite, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition.

Hearings continue March 22.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on force readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Paul Blackwell, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans, Department of the Army; VAdm. Thomas J. Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Blades, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Policies and Operations, U.S. Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, Department of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Clinton V. Horn, USAF, Director of Operations, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Maj. Gen. William J. Begert, USAF, Director,

Operations and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2505, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; and H.R. 1786, to regulate fishing in certain waters of Alaska. Testimony was heard from Deborah L. Williams, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on Western Area Power Administration Construction and Maintenance Activities and Bureau of Reclamation Power Facilities Management. Testimony was heard from J.M. Shafer, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Janet Frasier-Rogers, Chairman, Colorado River Commission; and a public witness.

NSF'S PARTNERSHIP FOR ADVANCED COMPUTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on NSF's Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure Program. Testimony was heard from Paul Young, Assistant Director for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, NSF; Edward Hayes, Chairman, Report on the Task Force on the Future of NSF Supercomputing Centers Program; and public witnesses.

HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3103, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act of 1996.

COLLECTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Collection. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal

year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the ballistic missile defense program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Defense space programs and issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, focusing on technology base programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on the President's fiscal year 1997 budget proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, to hold hearings on S. 1077, to authorize research, development, and demonstration of hydrogen as an energy carrier, S. 1153, to authorize research, development, and demonstration of hydrogen as an energy carrier, and a demonstration-commercialization project which produces hydrogen as an energy source produced from solid and complex waste for on-site use fuel cells, and H.R. 655, to authorize the hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy implications of a balanced budget, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine economic developments in the West Bank and Gaza, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the immigration system, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Congressional Research Service, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to resume hearings to examine the reform of health care priorities, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Geological Survey, 10 a.m. and on National Park Service, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on fiscal year 1997 Navy/Marine Corps Posture, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn and Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on Recent Developments in Banking and Finance in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 3070, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 2:30 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 956, Product Liability, and a motion to proceed to consideration of S. Res. 227, Whitewater Investigation Extension, with cloture votes to occur thereon. Senate will also consider S. 1459, Public/Federal Grasslands Management.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Wednesday, March 20

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday and the balance of the week: Complete consideration of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995; and Consideration of H.J. Res. , making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

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